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**AdvaMed Statement on the American Health Care Act**

***Industry Urges Full Repeal of the Medical Device Tax***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) issued the following statement from President and CEO Scott Whitaker in advance of House consideration tomorrow of the American Health Care Act:

“AdvaMed applauds inclusion of permanent repeal of the medical device excise tax as part of the American Health Care Act.

“Bipartisan majorities in both the House and Senate are already on record in support of repealing this onerous tax, which has been associated with a significant loss of American jobs and impedes patient access to the latest medical technology innovations.

“Repealing the tax will provide the industry with the long-term certainty necessary to support future job growth and sustainable, cutting-edge R&D that will ultimately lead to the next generation of breakthroughs in patient care and treatment.

“We urge the House to pass H.R. 1628 and continue the push to end this tax once and for all. And we look forward to working with the Senate to ensure the legislation includes full repeal of the device tax.”

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